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Honorable Stansfield Turner
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence met on May 23, 1978 regarding the reorganization of the Intelligence Community Staff. Consideration was made of the request for FY 1978 reprogramming and an FY 1979 budget amendment as defined in an OMB letter of April 27, 1978 ((I/R-78/S-175) and your amplifying letter of May 3, 1978 (TS78-0338/3).

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has voted favorably regarding the FY 1978 reprogramming of positions and associated funds from CIA to the Intelligence Community Staff. In addition, the Committee recognizes that the Intelligence Community Staff will be divided into two major elements -- the Resource Management Staff and the Collection Tasking Staff which includes the National Intelligence Tasking Center.

Although the Committee is in agreement with the general concept of your proposal and concurs with the creation of the RMS and the CTS, it has reservations regarding the specific implementation of concepts planned for the CTS. Two major concerns are that the plan may add a bureaucratic layer rather than integrating the many tasking offices which already exist and that the plan appears to place collection tasking in a role parallel to analysis rather than in its service. These concerns are increased by the large size of the proposed staffs. Accordingly, the Committee believes implementation should move more slowly and I will propose an amendment to H.R. 12240 recommending only additional positions in FY 1979. Further, these positions would be authorized specifically to absorb the current non-reimbursable personnel which the Committee believes should be funded within the IC Staff. This action is not intended to object in any way to the functions performed by these personnel and making these positions permanent does not imply that the people should not rotate at appropriate intervals.

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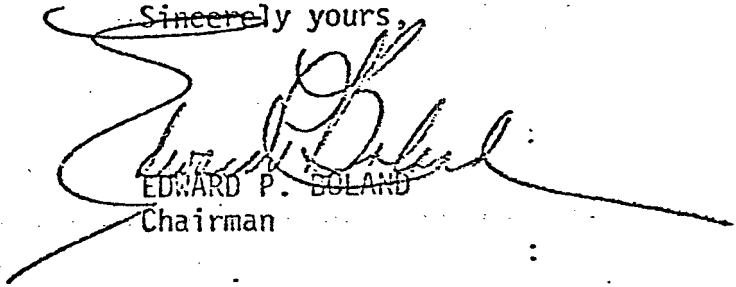
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In addition to authorizing these additional [] positions in FY 1979 the proposed amendment to H.R. 12240 would carry through the FY 1978 reprogramming into FY 1979, authorizing funds for those [] positions plus the [] added in FY 1979. An additional [] million for travel, rent, supplies, equipment, structures and other services is also included. These adjustments would be applied to those levels authorized in H.R. 12240 as reported to the House in House Report 95-1075 and its classified annex. The revised personnel ceiling and funding authorization levels for the IC Staff should be offset by equal reductions elsewhere in the authorization in areas which we ask that you identify.

While our proposed action reflect concerns, we are not saying that additional personnel might not be required at a future date after the reorganization has been implemented and the Committee has had an opportunity to evaluate its impact.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


EDWARD P. BOLAND
Chairman

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